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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98**

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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(d), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

**Statement of Relevancy**

The references were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in the related PCT/US03/36112. A copy of the Search is enclosed.

**Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1)**

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information

contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a related PCT International application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

**Submission of Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p)**

Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in §1.17(p). A copy of this statement is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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**STATEMENT BY APPLICANT(S)**



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